

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

~~The present invention provides a file system capable of reducing time taken to switch I/O paths, and hiding the process of switching the I/O paths from the user.~~

In a system of the present invention in which a file ID is defined for each file, upon receiving a request for accessing a file specifying a file ID from a user, a file server refers to a file management table to obtain a logical disk ID for accessing the file. The file server then refers to a logical disk management table to obtain an I/O path corresponding to the logical disk ID, and accesses a physical disk device by use of the obtained I/O path. When a fault has occurred in an operational I/O path, a file server rewrites the logical disk management tables in all nodes to change the I/O path. This reduces the time taken to switch I/O paths, and hiding the process of switching the I/O paths from the user.